Tucker, Mary C.

April 1915

President Falconer

Dear Sir,

On Wednesday April 14th I was notified by Dr. Faull that my oral examination for M. A. Degree was to take place at 9 A.M. the following Saturday.

This examination had no sooner commenced than I realized that the atmosphere was tense with irritation. Many questions, some quite irrelevant to the subject, were asked. A little later, Professor Thomson entered. He adhered strictly to scientific questions. I believe that all questions were answered satisfactorily by me, and Dr. Howe remarked that my thesis showed more work and merit than is often offered for a Ph. D. Finally the examination was over and I was told I might go.

A few minutes later, before the three examiners had separated, I returned to the room and told Dr. Faull and Dr. Howe, that I deeply resented

the treatment I had undergone.

Since, I have received from Dr. Faull the enclosed letter. From it I fear he is considering the deferring of my degree. A copy of my reply I also enclose.

In the hope that I may not be subjected to this humiliation, I beg that you will do me the kindness of investigating this matter.

Yours respectfully,

Mary C. Tucker.

May 14th. 1915.

See also correspondence with

Prof. B.A. Bensley, 1914-15

BOTANICAL LABORATORIES
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

April 27, 1915

Dear Miss Tucker,

I regret to have to inform you that your oral examination held on Saturday, the 17th. inst. is not acceptable.

The circumstances connected with that Examination I do not yet understand, but my good opinion of you formed during an acquaintance of five years, impels me to believe that they are probably explainable. There is evidently a serious misunderstanding somewhere. It is essential that this matter be cleared up without delay, and the easiest way will be for you to call at my office and talk it over. Make an appointment for Wednesday or Thursday of this week – preferably in the forenoon.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Faull.

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Faculty of Education,
Toronto, Ontario.
April, 27th. 1915.

To Dr. Faull.
Botany Department.

Dear Sir,

I must stand or fall on my thesis and examination as it took place on Saturday. My Faculty examinations preclude the possibility of a personal interview.

Yours truly,
Mary C. Tucker.

Dear Mr. Bensley -

In connection with the statement to yourself and the President. I express regret that I made any comments with reference to the examination to the examiners. or, that I may have used language called forth purely by circumstances.

This does not detract from the substance of my statement that I consider the examination to have been unfair to me and that I ask for an impartial investigation of my case.

Yours respectfully

Mary C. Tucker.

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